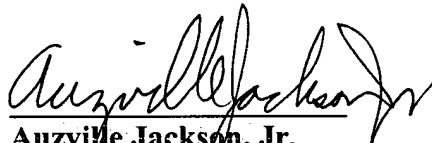


Claims 9-21 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 7-15 of U.S. Patent No. 6,232,354 of common ownership with the instant application.

The enclosed Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection over a Prior Patent signed by the attorney of record is submitted herewith to overcome the foregoing double patenting rejection. Both the cited patent and the instant application are 100% owned by Wright Materials Research Co. of Beavercreek, Ohio.

In view of the submission of the enclosed document, it is respectfully submitted that claims 9-21 of the instant application stand in condition for allowance and the same is respectfully requested at an early date.

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